

Application No.: 10/774,286
Docket No.: UC0405USCIP

REMARKS

The following remarks are responsive to the Examiner's rejection in the Office Action dated October 12, 2007.

Status of the claims

The pending claims are 1, 2, 12-14, 17, 18, 20 and 21. Claims 1, 2, 12-14, 20 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,953,628 to Kamatani et al. Claims 17 and 18 are allowed.

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 is amended by deleting H from the group of R¹. No new matter is introduced.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 2, 12-14, 20 and 21 stand as rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,953,628 to Kamatani et al. ("Kamatani")

Kamatani discloses a vast number of permutations and combinations of possible ligands and substituents for electroluminescent complexes. Within this framework, Kamatani discloses 883 specific compounds, of which 816 are iridium complexes. However, there is no teaching or suggestion of the specific iridium complex as recited in Applicants' Claim 1, as currently amended. Kamatani teaches that fluorine can be a substituent, it does not teach the specific substitution pattern claimed by the Applicants. There is no teaching in Kamatani that would lead one of ordinary skill in the art to select a single substituent or ancillary ligand from one of the 816 complexes and substitute it for a substituent or ligand in another of the complexes.

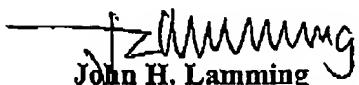
Applicants respectfully traverse of this rejection and request that it be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the remaining pending claims are in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance for Claims 1, 2, 12-14, 20 and 21, in addition to allowed Claims 17 and 18, is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions about the content of this paper or the status of the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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